†Sri H. M CHANNABASAPPA.—No survey has been made. We are making it. Why it has not been made is, we did not make it.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—May I know if the Government have any idea of what the cost of such a survey would be approximately ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—We have sanctioned two circles at an estimated cost of about Rs. 16 lakhs per year and it is proposed that the work would be completed in about three years. The cost would be therefore of the order of a little above Rs. 50 lakhs.

Sri S. D. KOTHAVALE—May I know whether the Government have thought of making the Ghataprabha Project a power project ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—We have that idea also.

Taking over of Sangeet Natak Academy by Government.

*Q.—43. Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Sirsi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether the Deputy Minister for Home has stated during Dasara Celebrations at Mysore recently that the Sangeet Natak Academy will be superseded or taken over by the Government and if so, for what reasons?

A.—Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI (Minister for Education).—

Yes. With a view to vitalize the present set-up and to give more encouragement to artists.

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—May I know who is the Chairman of this Sangeet Natak Academy ?

†Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—The Director of Public Instruction is the Chairman.

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—May I know from the Government what are the steps they are going to take to vitalize the present set-up and give more encouragement to artists ?

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—A Committee was set up. It has sent its recommendations and those recommendations are being studied now.

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—What are the main features of the recommendations ?

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—That report has not yet come to me. It has been sent to the Sangeet Natak Academy for comments and after it comes, I will see what recommendations have been made.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—The Hon'ble Minister for Education said that the D.P.I. was the Chairman of the Committee. Would it not be better to appoint an independent Chairman to look after this work instead of tagging on this office to some busy officer ?

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—I am told that there is a recommendation of this nature made by the Gundappa Committee and it is being considered by the Government.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Is it the opinion of the Government that the existing Sangeet Natak Academy is not functioning efficiently ? Are you superseding it ?

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—It is a casual remark made by the Deputy Minister. It is not actually superseding.

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—What are the reasons that prompted the Deputy Minister for Home to make these casual remarks ?

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—With a view to vitalize the present set-up.

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—I want to know from the Government definitely what are the reasons that prompted the Deputy Minister to make these casual remarks if they are casual?

Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI.—The present provision is not being utilised and because of that, a Committee was set up by the Government and the report is under consideration. The Finance Department and the Education Department have not taken action to release the development grants. Therefore, these remarks have been made, I suppose.